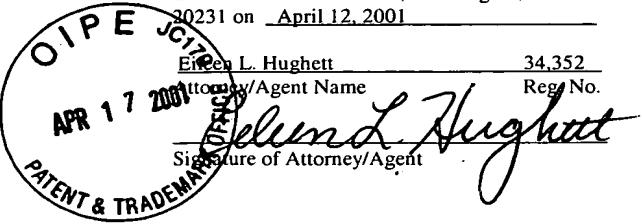


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In the Application of
TERRILL A. YOUNG, ET AL.

Serial No. 09/398,842 : Group Art Unit 3761

Filed September 17, 1999 : Examiner P. Shanoski

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING CUFFS WITH SKIN CARE COMPOSITION
DISPOSED THEREON

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 19, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Response. Filed concurrently with this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time for an extension of one month.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application, Claims 1-20 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated January 19, 2001. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections which follow.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 31 and ending at page 6, line 2 with the following:

--Importantly, the skin care compositions described herein provide a protective and/or a therapeutic benefit upon transfer to the wearer's skin, including reducing erythema and/or diaper rash. The skin care composition may also act to minimize the

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